

## Message Text

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TO COMSIXTHFLT  
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USS ALBANY  
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USS BLUEFISH  
USS CALIFORNIA  
USS CHARLES F ADAMS  
USS CLAUDE V RICKETTS  
USS JOHN KING  
USS LAPON  
USS MAHAN  
USS NIMITZ  
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USS RICHARD L PAGE  
USS SAMPSON  
USS COUTH CAROLINA

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PERSONAL FOR VADM TRAIN & VADM WATKINS FM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MIL

SUBJECT: COMSIXTHFLT CHANGE OF COMMAND

1. FOR VADM TRAIN: AS YOU CONCLUDE YOUR DUTIES AS COMSIXTHFLT, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL ADMIRATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE. THE CALIBER OF A NAVAL LEADER CAN BE JUDGED BY THE MATERIAL CONDITION OF HIS SHIPS AND THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN SUBORDINATE TO HIM. EVERY SIXTHFLT SHIP THAT HAS VISITED ISRAEL HAS REFLECTED MOST FAVORABLY UPON THE FLEET COMMANDER. THE PRESENCE OF A STRONG SIXTHFLT OFF THE SHORES OF ISRAEL AND THE VERY SUCCESSFUL SIXTHFLT SHIP VISIT PROGRAM TO ISRAEL IS NAVAL DIPLOMACY AT ITS FINEST AND HAVE BOTH CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE U.S. EFFORTS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF ADMIRAL AND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR VERY IMPORTANT NEXT ASSIGNMENT.

2. FOR VADM WATKINS. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND OF SIXTHFLT. I LOOK FORWARD TO PERSONALLY MEETING YOU DURING YOUR VISIT TO ISRAEL IN OCTOBER, AND TO WORKING WITH YOU DURING THE YEARS TO COME.

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